THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indian Institutes of Technology, no expensive research or other equipment is lying in packing cases for more than a year in any IIT.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : सभापति जो मुख्यप्रश्न जिसका इंडिया टुडे में उल्लेख है, उसके मुख पृष्ठ क. कहान के अनुसार इस वर्ष सरकार द्वारा 20 हजार करोड़ रूपये का अपव्यय हो गया है। इस प्रकार के अनेक उदाहरण जिसमें दिल्ला का भारत य प्रौद्योगिक संस्थान भ है इसमें जो उपकरण थे उनक भ' चर्चा है जो कि वर्षों तक उपयोग में नहीं लाय गये। सरकार ने अपने उत्तर में कहा है कि वे डिब्बों में बंद नहीं है डिब्बों को खोल दिया है। लेकिन मैं यह पूछना चाहता कि क्या कोई ऐसे महत्वपूर्ण और कमत' उपकरण हैं जो वर्षों से डिब्बे तो खुल गये हैं, लेकिन वे उपयोग में नहीं लाये गये हैं ?

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य के आंकड़ें ठीक हैं परन्तु बाक सूचना उनकी गलत है। .. (व्यवधान) ..मुझे बोलने दीजिए। मैं उत्तर दे रह हूं।

Sir, equipment worth Rs. 2 corers was procured in two phases under Norwegian aid for the Industrial Tribology Centre of the IIT. The first phase was approximately Rs. 1 crore and the second phase approximately Rs. 1 crore. No equipment remains in packing cases for more than one year. All the equipments have been used. Therefore, there is no question of their lying in packages for years.

पहल बात तो यह कि जो उन्होंने सवाल उठाया है वह समान जो खरदा गया है ट्राइदालज' सर्विस आई आईट। दिल्ला को जो नार्वेजियन एड में मिल है इसके बारे में जो समाचार निकाला है वह गलत है। वह इस्तेमाल में आ रह हैं। कोई भी ऐसा उपकरण वहां नहीं है जो एक साल से अधिक पैकेट में बंद रहा हो। दूसरा फोटोन कोरेलेटर के बारे में यह बताना चाहत हूं कि इंडिया टुडे में जो कहा गया है कि इसके दाम 8 लाख रुपये हैं यह गलत है। इसका दाम तो एक लाख रुपया है।

The Institute purchased the photon counter with rotomotor in 1975, not photon correlator.

फोटोन कोरिलेटर नहीं है, वह फोटोन काऊंटर है। रोटो मोटर 1975 में खरीदा गया था ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. She has effectively prevented you from putting the second supplementary.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: You did not help me. (*Interruptions*)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Air-India General Sales Agents in UK

*102. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria or pre-conditions are laid by Air India while appointing General Sales Agents for opening of sales offices in U.K.;

(b) what is the number of sales offices that have been opened for the convenience of the travelling passengers in U.K. by the present General Sales Agents; and

(c) what was the number of Sales Offices being run before the present General Sales Agent took over and how many Sales Offices are operating

presently; and if the same are found inadequate, to what extent they fall short of requirement; and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Air-India satisfies itself about the following criteria before appointing a General Sales Agent:—

(i) Financial soundness.

(ii) Ability to generate business for Air-India.

(iii) Sufficient knowledge and experience in airlines marketing.

(iv) Suitable infrastructure in the form of business premises and competent staff.

(b) The GSA has opened two offices, one in Buckingham Street, London and one in Southall area.

(c) Before the appointment of the present GSA, Air-India had six Sales offices and continues to maintain these six offices and they have not been found inadequate.

Exports to Soviet Union Suffering from non-sailing of SCI Ships

*108. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports to Russia have suffered due to non-sailing of SCI ships, while the Soviet Union is looking for other ships; and

(b) if so, what are the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Some vessels loaded with cargo for the Soviet Union suffered detention at Calcutta recently due to agitation of certain sections of seamen. Government has not received any intimation from Soviet Union that they are looking for others ships.

Encouragement to Sanskrit

*109. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to Press Reports that encouragement to Sanskrit as a nation-wide language would promote national integration, reduce language controversy and that its interaction with regional languages would encourage their development;

(b) what specific steps are planned under the New Education Policy to promote and encourage Sanskrit; and

(c) what specific targets have been fixed in this context for the current year and the next two years in the Central Sector and in respect of various States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is engaged in formulating some new proposals for the promotion, development and popularisation of Sanskrit. These proposals will be in line with the National Policy on Education which enjoins that efforts will be made for the development of facilities for the study of Sanskrit and other classical languages. Targets will be fixed in accordance with the proposals when finalised.